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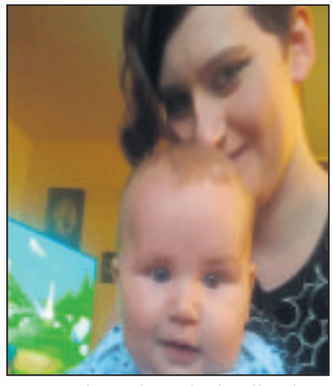
## Women with complications being moved eight miles away

Emma Hyatt with her son Ziggy, who has just had the all-clear for brain damage after being resuscitated

Carley Evans, who had expected a smooth birth after being assessed as 'low-risk'


Emma Barlow, who praised staff at the Horton after the 'wonderful' birth of her first child

# MATERNITY SERVICE SAFETY CONCERNS

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WOMEN who gave birth at the Horton General Hospital's midwife-led unit (MLU) have emphatically praised staff but expressed fears for the future.

Between October and the end of February there were 73 births under the care of midwives and support staff at the 'temporarily' downgraded site.

A further 15 women were whisked to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford for consultant-led care, and a further eight immediately after birth.

The Horton was downgraded in October as Oxford University Hospital Trust did not have enough doctors in post to safely run consultant-led services, such as epidurals and caesarean sections.

Emma Hyatt, of Kings Sutton, faced a two-week wait to find out if her son Ziggy was brain-damaged after he did not breathe for 20 minutes.

The 41-year-old gave birth at about 3am on Tuesday, February 21, and her son was resuscitated there but could not immediately be taken to the JR.

She said: "I was told they had room for him at the JR but not for me. We stayed until around 1pm when a decision was made that we needed to go to the special care baby unit, so my son and I went in the ambulance. There were many calls between the JR and the Horton, and tests needed, before this decision was made."

The couple has since received the all-clear but Mrs Hyatt said the downgrade poses a 'real risk'. Three women gave birth in the 12 hours she was there.

Last week it emerged that a dedicated 24-hour ambulance currently parked at the Horton to take women in labour to the JR might not be retained past this year.

Pregnant women assessed as 'low-risk' can use the Horton MLU but the ambulance is there to take those who develop complications during birth to the JR.

Dr Kiren Collison, a deputy locality lead for Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, said women could be assessed as 'low-risk' but never 'no-risk'.

She said: "You can't say that there is no risk involved. That is unfortunately the risk with pregnancy and childbirth.

"About a third will be 'low-risk' and 20 per cent will be considered 'high-risk'. There is 50 per cent who we don't know their risk and you have to keep assessing them."

Nursing assistant Carley Evans, 32, had given birth twice at the Horton before and was assessed as 'low-risk' throughout her third pregnancy.

She said: "Because I had two straightforward births, I was pretty certain I could have another. But you don't know what's going to happen."

Daughter Sienna Rose was born at 6.15pm on Sunday, February 12, but Miss Evans was taken straight to theatre at the JR as the placenta stayed attached to the uterus, causing her to lose a lot of blood. She said: "If they still had doctors at the Horton my experience wouldn't have been so traumatic.

"I can't fault staff one bit but I don't know if I would use it again."

Both women said their partners followed them to the JR by car as there was no room in the ambulance, which they said had been 'extremely stressful'.

They had nothing but praise for staff at both hospitals, as well as the crew from South Central Ambulance Service manning the ambulance.

Emma Barlow, 25, from Banbury, gave birth to her first child Elias at 1.15am on Thursday, October 20, without a hitch, in the birthing pool at the Horton.

She said: "It was wonderful, a really nice experience. They had aromatherapy oils infusing in the room and mood lighting; it was relaxed and everything went smoothly.

"I had to go in the next day because I was having trouble breastfeeding, and they set me up with a nice little room and spoke to me. The aftercare was brilliant."

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## Concerns over maternity unit

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But she added: "My mum had an emergency C-section at the Horton with my brother and if she had had to transfer she would have died."

Dr Veronica Miller, clinical director for Women's Services at Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust said: "The National Maternity Review found that midwife-led units are safer places for women with low risk pregnancies to give birth than doctor-led units, as the interventions are fewer.

"The outcomes for babies are the same. Women are assessed throughout their pregnancy and labour by trained midwives and doctors who constantly assess risk and women are transferred to the care of an obstetric unit when appropriate.

"The trust has been successfully running three other midwifery-led units in Oxfordshire for some time now and the outcomes and transfer rates for all our units are good and within national standards."

## Year ends 'on a high'

CHERWELL District Council leader Barry Wood has said the council is ending the year on a high as it hits more than 75 per cent of its financial targets.

The council executive discussed the council's third quarter performance and the leader said he was proud of the findings amid 'constant funding reductions from central government'. He added: "I am particularly proud of the work we have done on the relocation and expansion of two major employers in Banbury, preventing job losses."

# Diggers arrive to deliver quality food superstore

### Out-of-town Waitrose should be completed in time for Christmas

An image of what the new Banbury Waitrose superstore will look like

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DIGGERS ready to start on a new Waitrose construction will move in on Monday as work begins on the 38,500 sq ft superstore in Banbury.

The development will see the new shop built on surplus land next to the Jacobs Douwe Egberts factory in Southam Road after plans were approved in November 2015.

Developers Barwood Capital have been working on plans with Waitrose and hope the new store will be complete by Christmas.

Waitrose director of property Nigel Keen said: "We are now in a position to get started and are that bit closer to realising our long-standing ambition to have a branch in Banbury.

"It takes time to put together projects like this, but it is important we get everything right so we can deliver a quality food shop, which can make a positive contribution towards the town's future," he added.

The new store is planned to be single-storey with a 220-space car park.

It is hoped to bring in about 140 jobs and Waitrose will start its recruitment drive over the summer.

It comes despite the supermarket giant last month announced 700 job cuts as it looked to close under-performing stores up and down the country.

Up to 498 staff will face redundancy consultation and a further 180 will be lost over the next three years following a restructuring of management roles.

Barwood Capital director Edward Henson added: "We purchased the Southam Road site in Banbury as part of our 2012 Property Fund with a view to unlocking its development potential. Having secured a pre-let to Waitrose, we are delighted that construction for the new store is starting shortly."

When plans were originally approved concerns were raised over its "out-of-town" location having a negative impact on the town centre and fears over added congestion on surrounding roads.

But the John Lewis Partnership, which operates Waitrose, argued it would be the only viable option for a sustainable development.

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Taxi driver hid Class B 'meow meow' in Kinder Eggs

# Drug dealing cabbie avoids a prison term

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POLICE got an unusual surprise after a drug dealing cabbie was found using Kinder Eggs to hide bags of mephedrone in his taxi.

The ten-month scheme to sell the drugs was brought to an end, however, after police arrested Banbury taxi driver Abad Hussain on February 25 last year.

The 40-year-old of Grimsbury Drive, Banbury was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court on Friday having already pleaded guilty last month to possessing and supplying the class B drug, also known as m-cat or meow meow.

When he was first arrested by police they found 14g of the class B drug, with a street value of about £400, on his person, before discovering the boxes of Kinder Eggs in the glove compartment of his taxi, containing traces of the drug.

Prosecuting, Jonathan Stone told Oxford Crown Court: "Police were looking to arrest him for something other than drugs but found the drugs in his taxi and on his person.

"They found Kinder Eggs in the glove compartment which is often used to transport the drugs and traces of m-cat were found."

Under police interview he initially denied any involvement in selling the drugs.

Mr Stone added: "Mr Hussain said the eggs had been given to him by his children but couldn't say why they had zip sealed bags inside of them."

Police also discovered a Samsung mobile phone which had messages to one customer in his phone, later revealed to be Chantelle Graves, with whom Hussain had previously had an affair, and to whom he had sold the drugs over a 10-month period.

In messages read out to court transactions to buy the drugs were agreed between him and Ms Graves in an arrangement which lasted from April 2015 until February 2016, when he was arrested.

Hussain's defence argued that the taxi driver of 16 years in the Banbury, Brackley and Chipping Norton area had 'suffered enough' having since lost his job as a result of the drug dealing.

In summing up, Judge Ian Pringle decided to spare Hussain prison and handed him a community order instead.

He said: "The supply of class B drugs usually means you will be sent to prison.

"However, I accept that you were really only supplying one person, although you were supplying her for quite some period of time."

He was ultimately sentenced to a community order for a period of two years, to include 240 hours of unpaid work and 15 days of a rehabilitation activity requirement as well as paying a statutory victim surcharge.

A forfeiture of drugs order was also issued for confiscation of the Mephedrone.

## Youngsters learn all about bubbles at 'enjoyable' event

More than 50 children and their parents took part in a science event at the Sunshine Centre

**CHEMISTRY experiments exploring the unexpected behaviour of bubbles kept youngsters entertained at an event in Bretch Hill.**

**More than 50 children and their parents took part in a host of demonstrations at the Sunshine Centre courtesy of mobile science show Explorer Dome.**

**The group investigated how bubbles float, sink, grow, burn and explode and took part in play activities including a bubble tray and making bubble wands from pipe cleaners.**

**Presenter Ben Brown said: "It was a really enjoyable session and quite different from being in schools."**

**The event in the February half term was supported by housing provider Sanctuary Housing through its community investment fund.**

**Neighbourhood partnerships manager Kate Winstanley said: "The children were captivated and completely mesmerised with everything Ben was doing. It was lovely to watch. What was great was how it provided children with the opportunity to get really excited about science."**

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# Business rates relief for firms that occupy vacant premises

## Aim is to bring long-empty properties back into use

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BUSINESSES that move into vacant town centre properties will see their business rates slashed in a North Oxfordshire pilot scheme.

On Monday, March 6, members of Cherwell District Council's executive approved the proposals as a way to bring long-empty properties back into use.

For the next two years the 'Business Rates Incentive Scheme' will provide 50 per cent relief for small firms occupying vacant premises in designated areas in Banbury.

Properties need to have been vacant for at least six months. The scheme will be open to all firms with a rateable value of £15,000 to £50,000, with some exceptions.

Ken Atack, the council's lead member for financial management, said: "Cherwell is fully committed to sustaining the economic growth of the district. The aim of the scheme is to help reduce empty properties, to increase the diversity of the town centres and offer an incentive for new or expanding businesses looking to locate in Banbury."

Business rates are a form of tax payable by owners and occupiers of commercial properties in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

In June 2015 Cherwell launched a pop-up shop initiative in Banbury town centre, offering small businesses a chance to rent a vacant unit on Church Walk on a trial basis.

It allows firms to market-test their business in the Old Town area for a month before considering longer leases.

The shop was first hired out by Adderbury baby wear specialist Merry-GoRound and its latest incarnation is Church Lane Gallery, which displays and sells paintings, sculpture, photography and more from Banburyshire artists.

Co-creator Barry Whitehouse said: "We are getting a lot of lovely feedback but we are going to try to go for April as well to get a full picture."

Until April 2013 business rates were collected by Cherwell and passed to central government, which redistributed them nationally.

The localisation of the tax councils were given more flexibility including the ability to reduce the business rates of any local ratepayer.

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# Pupils have their say on issues affecting the area

## Youngsters come up with ideas to tackle litter and mental health

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**Students discuss their ideas with Thames Valley Police officers at the event in Bodicote House**

PUPILS from secondary schools across North Oxfordshire have given police and their MP feedback on issues facing their generation.

The special 'Have Your Say' day, modelled on events held across the county by Thames Valley Police, saw pupils from seven schools take part in workshops on March 3.

Youngsters spent the day at Bodicote House working in groups to identify issues they wanted to resolve, brainstorming ways to tackle them using a £30,000 budget.

Neighbourhood inspector John Batty said: "We're always looking at ways to help the younger members of our community voice the issues that most affect them.

"Adults certainly don't have a monopoly on good ideas when it comes to tackling local issues and we're delighted at the results from this really positive session.

"Engaging with the police and helping shape policing priorities is all part of being a good citizen. The earlier we as public bodies can enable this, the better."

After group sessions the students gave presentations to police and council officers covering issues such as online safety, bullying and after-school activities.

Judges awarded a prize to The Warriner School in Bloxham for its proposed 'Litterbug' phone app as an interactive way of encouraging a cleaner community.

Banbury MP Victoria Prentis, who attended the event, said: "It is vital that children feel a sense of ownership of their communities.

"It was interesting to see that the students had picked up on some very important matters, including problems with litter and mental health issues."

The event was jointly organised by Thames Valley Police and Cherwell District Council.

Tony Ilott, Cherwell's lead member for public protection, said: "This has been a fantastic exercise.

"I was truly impressed by the children's passion and commitment."

# Awards date is looming

THE deadline is Friday for companies to enter the prestigious Oxfordshire Business Awards.

Finalists from 12 categories will be automatically considered for the overall Business of the Year award, sponsored by electrical contractors Darke & Taylor.

Oxfordshire Business Awards chairman Paul Lowe, said: "Entries have been coming in at an encouraging rate – there are lots of past winners and finalists entering alongside some businesses I have not previously heard of."

Entry is free and more than 500 business leaders are expected to attend the final on June 16, at the King's Centre in Osney Mead.

Other sponsors include The Oxford Science Park, Knights law firm, accountants Shaw Gibbs, Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership, Oxfordshire Apprenticeships, NatWest, marketing agency The Syndicut, recruitment agency Hays, broadcaster Heart and Bicester-based Brita water filters.

The *Oxford Times* supports the Charity and Community Award, which was won last year by employment charity Aspire.

Categories span innovation, charity and community, small business, young person of the year, business person of the year, new business, apprenticeship, large business, marketing excellence, cultural events and tourism, employer of the year, and the Brita Green award. For further details and to enter visit oxfordshirebusinessawards.co.uk

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# Tapestries reveal Julie's world

## Colourful artist uses ancient medium to depict modern dramas

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HE IS one of the most distinctive artists of our time – a Turner Prize-winning potter who is as recognised for his striking work as for his own colourful image.

Grayson Perry courts publicity and fame with his unusual attire, over the top pantomime-style cross-dressing, coupled with his feminine alter ego, Claire. His ready wit, insight and TV appearances have earned him a place in the heart of a British public who, perhaps, know little of his eye-catching work.

From this weekend, two less trumpeted pieces of his work get an airing in the, perhaps unlikely setting of Banbury Museum.

The pair of large-scale detailed tapestries form part of the latest acquisition to the Crafts Council's national collection. The pieces – *The Essex House Tapestries: the Life of Julie Cope* (2015) – contain a social history of modern Britain that many of us will be able to relate to.

Rich in cultural and architectural detail, they tell the story of the fictional Julie Cope: an Essex 'everywoman' inspired by the people Perry grew up with.

Grayson Perry attends last year's Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition preview party

Grayson Perry's The Perfect Match is at Banbury Museum

Grayson Perry's In its Familiarity Golden

Banbury Museum is the first venue of the exhibition's two-year national tour following its launch at the Saatchi Gallery, London, as part of *Collect: The International Art Fair for Contemporary Objects*.

The tapestries are the only pair in a public collection that can be viewed outside Perry's bizarre folly-like House for Essex, built beside the River Stour at Wrabness, for which they were commissioned. They are shown alongside a graphic installation, and specially commissioned audio recording of *The Ballad of Julie Cope*, a 3,000 word narrative written and read by Perry that illuminates Julie's hopes and fears as she journeys through life.

"Why tapestries?" asks Perry. "I always work with traditional media. "Each historic category of object has accrued over time, intellectual and emotional baggage. I depend on this to add inflection to the content of the works.

"Tapestry is the art form of grand houses. On my television taste safari I only saw tapestries hanging in stately homes. They depicted classical myths, historical and religious scenes or epic battles like Hannibal crossing the Alps. I enjoy the idea of using this costly and ancient medium to show the commonplace dramas of modern British life."

In collaboration with Perry, the Crafts Council has created a web app which allows visitors to find out about the technical, historical and narrative elements that went into producing the tapestries. It commissioned Perry and designer Kit Grover to create Julie Cope's Grand Tour shopper and china mugs.

In an effort to widen the reach of the exhibition, the museum is collaborating with Chiltern Railways and the Crafts Council to offer an engaging way for passengers travelling on the line to pass the time. For nine weeks, seats in a number of Chiltern Railways carriages will be tagged with #juliesseat head rest covers. Train users will be encouraged to use social media to post a short note about their journey, inspired by what they see from this seat – sharing moments in their lives, thoughts about their day or journey on the train.

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# Fears for teenage drug runners used in county by big city gangs

## Police commissioner says tackling scourge is a 'priority' for the force

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TEENAGERS are running drugs across the county for big city gangs in what authorities fear is a growing menace.

The 'despicable' rackets are being run by criminal groups spreading from areas such as London and Birmingham who recruit children to deliver drugs and money, guard safe houses and in some cases sell drugs to users.

Hundreds of vulnerable youngsters in Oxfordshire could be at risk of exploitation by the gangs, with social services warning there is 'an emerging pattern' of boys aged 13 to 17 being targeted.

Anthony Stansfeld, police and crime commissioner for the Thames Valley, said tackling the scourge was a 'priority'.

He added: "The use of children by these gangs is despicable.

"Not only are they being used to carry drugs but often they are also using drugs themselves and using the money they are given to buy more. One of our concerns is there has been tremendous pressure not to put children into custody.

"That is understandable but an unfortunate result is it encourages gangs to use young men as drug runners, because they know they are less likely to be arrested or taken into care.

"The way we have to deal with this is through better cooperation with schools, parents and neighbours – if people think this is happening to a young boy or girl they need to report it.

"The police are committed to tackling this issue, it is a priority for us."

The use of child drug runners is thought to be part of the 'county lines' phenomenon, first raised by the National Crime Agency last year.

It involves gangs from major cities using dedicated mobile hotlines and drug mules to expand their operations into other areas.

A new report by Oxfordshire County Council warns there have been several cases of missing children in the county being linked to drug running, with the authority working closely with police to tackle the problem.

The council said both boys and girls were at risk of exploitation, although boys not in care – but known to social services – were the most likely victims.

Thames Valley police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld

A spokesman said this was possibly because they were not as closely watched as looked-after children, adding: "Any child can potentially be at risk, but intelligence we are gathering has led us to identify a group who appear to be particularly at risk.

"Clearly there are a wide range of potential risks associated with organised crime, including drug-running, property crime and the risk of physical violence.

"Going missing from school, home and care is one of the biggest indicators of high-risk exposure to our children.

"All missing episodes are taken very seriously."

Its warning came as figures showed there was a 50 per cent rise in missing episodes for children not in care in the second half of 2016.

The number of recorded incidents rose from 317 for January to July to 476 for July to December.

The county council stressed the number of children overall who were reported missing had fallen over that period, despite the number of looked-after children increasing.

"This suggests management of repeat missing children is improving", Dan Ruaux, the strategic lead for missing children, said.

Inspector Rachel Patterson, of Oxford's police division, said it was thought a 'small number' of young people and their families were currently involved in drug running.

But she added: "We take all reports of young people involved in criminal activity of this nature very seriously and will continue to do all we can to safeguard and divert young people away from the path of potential harm."

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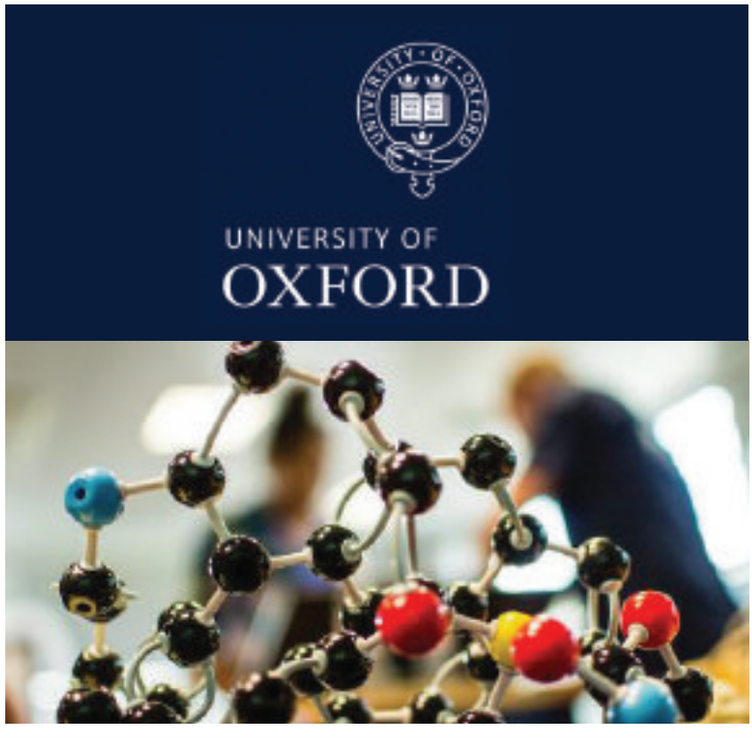


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# Beauty of a music comedy

*BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* **(PG, 129 mins) Musical/Fantasy/Romance/Comedy. Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans, Josh Gad, Kevin Kline, Sir Ian McKellen, Ewan McGregor, Emma Thompson, Nathan Mack. Director: Bill Condon.**

If it's not Baroque, don't fix it. Those immortal words, uttered in jest by Cogsworth, the talking clock in the 1991 animated Beauty And The Beast during a guided tour of his master's castle, are largely heeded by director Bill Condon for this ravishing live action remake.

The charm, sweetness, heart-tugging romance, infectious songs and rumbustious humour of the original – Disney's finest hand-drawn animation – have been lovingly polished by screenwriters Stephen Chbosky and Evan Spiliotopoulos. They embellish perfection with original flourishes to set this handsomely-mounted tale, including melancholic flashbacks and a curious interlude of time travel that confirms the grim fate of Belle's mother.

A few favourite moments, which work beautifully in animated form, but might seem outlandish in the flesh, have been lost in translation. Verses of the Oscar-winning songbook composed by Alan Menken with lyrics by Howard Ashman have been nipped and tucked, then heightened with lush orchestration. Three new ballads, courtesy of Menken and lyricist Tim Rice, sit handsomely in this exalted musical company including a soaring lament of longing for the Beast entitled Evermore that swoons, "I let her steal into my melancholy heart/ It's more than I can bear."

*GET OUT* **(15, 104 mins) Horror/Thriller/Romance. Daniel Kaluuya, Allison Williams, Catherine Keener, Bradley Whitford, Caleb Landry Jones, Lil Rel Howery, Marcus Henderson, Betty Gabriel. Director: Jordan Peele.**

Inspired by the creeping dread of The Stepford Wives, Jordan Peele's slickly engineered horror is a razor-sharp satire, which takes a scalpel to simmering racial tensions in present-day America.

Get Out prescribes shocking violence and laughter in equal measures, carefully exposing the ignorance that simmers beneath the surface of polite middle-class liberalism.

When the script bares its polished teeth, it draws plenty of blood from the nail-biting battle of wits between a gifted black twenty-something artist and his white future in-laws, who believe voting for an African American president is a badge of honour.

Peele takes this clash of cultures to the unsettling extreme, engineering a series of hairpin twists that reveal the sick and twisted design behind his suburban nightmare.

In early scenes, including a horrific encounter with a deer, Get Out revels in our discomfort.

Once the Machiavellian masterplan is revealed, some of that tension dissipates.

London-born actor Daniel Kaluuya delivers a stellar performance as the unsuspecting lamb to the slaughter. He plays gifted photographer Chris Washington, who is nervous about a road trip to meet the parents of his girlfriend Rose (Allison Williams).

"Don't go to a white girl's parents' house," advises Chris' wise-cracking best friend Rod (Lil Rel Howery). Ignoring his pal's warning, Chris drives with Rose to her parents' pristine community, where he is warmly welcomed by Dean Armitage (Bradley Whitford) and his psychiatrist wife, Missy (Catherine Keener).

Dean gives Chris a tour of the house, avoiding the basement and attempts to put the young man's concerns to rest by confessing his political allegiances.

"I would have voted for Obama for a third term if I could.

"Best president in my lifetime," proudly declares Dean.

However, there's something about the neighbourhood that feels out of kilter and Chris is unnerved by the passive behaviour of the Armitages' black groundkeeper Walter (Marcus Henderson) and maid Georgina (Betty Gabriel).

When Missy discovers Chris is struggling to give up smoking and offers to use hypnosis to cure his filthy habit, meeting the parents becomes a bruising battle for survival.

Get Out is a smart and sophisticated descent into psychological hell, punctuated by giggles courtesy of Howery's buddy, whose paranoid delusions might be rooted in reality. Whitford and Keener relish their dark, ambiguous roles as parents who are determined to create an American dream, by fair means or foul.

Writer-director Peele sustains dramatic momentum and drip feeds us teasing clues until he is ready to begin the blood-letting in lip-smacking earnest.

**Gaston (Luke Evans) is relentless in his pursuit of Belle (Emma Watson) in Disney's *Beauty And The Beast*, a live-action adaptation of the studio's animated classic directed by Bill Condon which brings the story and characters audiences know and love to life.**

# Cake Bookworm

*The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* **by Jennifer Ryan is published in hardback by Borough Press, priced £12.99 (ebook £6.99)**.

Jennifer Ryan dedicates her wonderfully warm debut novel to her grandmother, Eileen Beckley, and the women of the Home Front, whose incredible stories she has woven together into a beautifully life-affirming tale of the power of community spirit in the constant fear of war. She harnesses the epistolary form to great effect, allowing each of her female protagonists to have their own voice, through their letters and diary entries. It begins with a funeral and a notice pinned to Chilbury village hall noticeboard stating the village choir will close as 'all our male voices have gone to war'. It ends with an unexpected wedding and a choir of ladies who have banded together to support each other through love and loss, childbirth and a bombing in the village. Mrs Tilling's diary entries stand out as the voice of the everywoman, who gradually realises her own power to stand up to the village tyrant, while also smoothing the paths of those around her like Mary Poppins. Sisters Kitty (13) and Venetia (18) have their own battles, and Ryan writes convincingly as both the wannabe stage singer Kitty through her diary entries, and the femme fatale Venetia, in her warts-and-all letters of conquests to friend Angela in London. The descriptions of the togetherness of a choir are spot-on, but the only slightly jarring note, in an otherwise perfectly pitched novel, is the volume of dialogue written in letters, without which much of the action would be difficult to convey. A well-researched and tender debut.

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*All Our Wrong Todays* **by Elan Mastai is published in hardback by Michael Joseph, priced £14.99 (ebook £9.99).**

Tom Barren faces the ultimate dilemma. The eternal failure, the mess-up his time travel machine inventor father chides and everyone fails to notice because he is so inconsequential, gets the chance to travel through time. He also gets the chance to change what is wrong about his world. But that's where the dilemma kicks in. Does he prefer the version of the world he travelled from or the one in which he has found himself? Everything he does changes, not just his reality, but those of everyone else. People don't die. Others aren't born. And the impossible question: What should he do? All Our Wrong Todays is screenwriter Elan Mastai's debut novel and has already been optioned for a large screen version. The short chapters betray Mastai's origins as a scriptwriter, but also make this sci-fi time travel adventure easy to read. He looks to have another winner, both in print and when it transfers to the cinema.

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**Belly Dance Classes:** Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. 1pm. £5. 07400 228722.
**Ramblers walk:** South side of the green, Warborough. Leisurely six-mile walk via Dorchester. Pub stop at the end. No dogs. 10am. 01865 358905.

### FRIDAY

**Knit, Knot & Natter:** Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. Opportunity to receive tuition in crafts such as knitting, crochet and weaving. 1.30pm. Free but asked to support the museum cafe. 01235 771447.
**Museum Book Group:** Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. 2pm. Free but asked to support the museum cafe. 01235 771447.
**The Kidlington Centre Community Photographic Project:** Unit 13, The Kidlington Centre, High Street, Kidlington. Free help and advice to anyone with a photographic question or who needs practical help with a problem relating to photography. 10am. Free.

### SATURDAY

**Antiques@TheHolt:** The Holt Hotel, Oxford Road, Steeple Aston. 10am. £2, children under 12 free.
**Beginners Wildlife Photography:** Earth Trust, Little Wittenham. With professional photographer Andrew Walmsley. 10am. £80. 01865 407792.
**Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers:** Meet at the church, Steeple Barton. A leisurely five-mile gentle ramble by the River Dorn and Barton Abbey. 10am. Free. 01869 601442.
**Quiz Evening:** Carterton Community College, Upavon Way, Carterton. 7.30pm. £7.50 per ticket.
**CAP Money Budgeting Skills:** St Matthew's Church Harwell, The Lounge, Church Lane, Harwell. A free, fun and friendly money management course. Three two-hour sessions. 10.30am. Free. 07745 802030.
**Eynsham Swap Shop:** Sports Pavilion, Oxford Road, Eynsham. 10am. Free, donation of 50p appreciated. 01865 881095.
**National Art and Design Saturday Club:** Banbury and Bicester College, Broughton Road, Oxford. Free programme for 14 to 16 year olds. 10am. 0808 168 6626.
**Naturist Swimming:** Didcot Wave, Newlands Avenue, Didcot. Oxford Naturist Club are inviting non-members to come to a naturist swim at Didcot Wave pool. Over-18s only unless accompanied by parents. 7.15pm. £4.50. 07941 435021.
**Opening Weekend 2017:** Cogges Manor Farm, Church Lane, Witney. Build your own birdhouse, make seed bombs, visit the new greenhouse. Swap Shop 10am-12pm. Join Cogges' own Bear Grylls, David, for a Spring walk around the Cogges site, 11am and 1pm. Relax and listen to live music, with Cogges bar, from local musicians on Sunday, 12pm-4pm. Stitchin' Time returns, 1pm-3pm, welcoming visitors to join the house volunteers in crafts and activities. 10am. Free to season ticket holders or standard admission. 01993 772602.
**Ramblers walk:** Turner Hall car park, North Leigh. Nine-mile walk via Finstock. Bring a picnic. 10am. 01865 708736.
**Ritzy Vintage Fair:** Henley Town Hall, Market Place, Henley on Thames. 11am. 07841 618510.
**Walk (Fieldpaths):** Hensington Road Car Park, Woodstock. SP446168, 7.5 miles. A walk exploring the rolling hills around the Glyme valley and returning through Blenheim Park. Bring refreshments and a picnic. Dogs on leads. 10am. 07931 484161.

### SUNDAY

**Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers:** Meet near Annie's Tea Shop, Thrupp. A leisurely 3.5-mile walk through the Cherwell valley via Hampton Gay and Shipton on Cherwell. 2pm. Free. 07730 463432.
**Combe Mill in Steam:** Blenheim Palace Sawmills, Long Hanborough, Witney. Science and Engineering at Combe Mill. 10am. £4 adults, £2 concessions, under 16s Free. 01993 358694.
**Intermediate Wildlife Photography:** Earth Trust, Little Wittenham. In each of these workshops professional photographer Andrew Walmsley will cover a different aspect of photography so you can build up a more in-depth knowledge. 10am. £80. 01865 407792.

### MONDAY

**Bicester Local History Society:** Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. A talk on Oxfordshire Castles given by Trevor Rowley. 7.30pm. £3 to non members. 01869 247857.
**The Wonders of Westonbirt:** Hailey Village Hall, Middletown, Hailey. Hailey Gardening Club talk with Martin Green of the National Arboretum Westonbirt. 7.30pm. £2 for non-members. 01993 899125.

### TUESDAY

**Bicester & Kidlington Ramblers:** Meet near the lakes on Fringford Road, Cottisford. Join us for a leisurely 4.5-mile walk from Cottisford towards Juniper Hill and around the Tusmore Estate. 10am. Free. 01869 248230.
**Painting Demonstration by artist Jackie Devereux:** Centre 70, Kilngrove off Goldsmiths Lane, Wallingford. 7.30pm. £3, free to members. 01491 681400.

### WEDNESDAY

**Container Gardening Throughout the Year:** High Street Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. Witney Horticultural Society evening with Howard Drury, horticulturist, lecturer and presenter. 7.30pm. £3 for visitors £1 for members includes coffee/tea. 01993 702444.
**Floristry – Flowers for Mum:** No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. 7pm. £38. 01235 511550.
**Free Dementia Awareness Event:** Tall Trees Care Home, Tall Trees, Burford Road, Shipton under Wychwood. 10am-12.30pm: for the local community, 2pm-4.30pm: for local businesses, groups and organisations. These free sessions are for anyone wishing to explore what dementia is. 10am. Free. 0808 223 5400.
**Pyrography – A bud vase for Mum:** No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. Bert is here to instruct you in the basics of pyrography and then help you to make a single stem bud vase. 7pm. £30. 01235 511550.
**Sewing a simple cot quilt:** No Two Things, 120 Broadway, Didcot. Di will be using this pre-printed fabric kit to teach you the basics of sewing. 7pm. £45. 01235 511550.
**Walk (Fieldpaths):** Community Shop and Café, Coleshill. SU237937, 5.5 miles. A circular walk around the Coleshill Estate visiting Badbury Clump, Great Coxwell and the Great Barn. Bring refreshments for en route break, café or pub at end of walk. 10.30am. 07909 910128.

## Music

### THURSDAY

**The Oxford Golf Club, Hill Top Road, Oxford:** Big Band Evening featuring, The Velvet Tones, Sisters of Swing and Cutting Edge Big Band. Free. 8pm. 01865 242158.
**The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford:** Black Delta Movement, Psyence, Neon Violets. Psychedelic rock. 8pm. £5.
**The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford:** Corsairs, Ghoul, Thin Wire Fence, JAE. 7pm. £7.
**Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon:** Said The Maiden. Support 7.15pm. Main act 8pm. £14.
**The Cock Inn, Combe:** Nick Gill Oxford. Classic jazz and ragtime piano/vocals. 8pm-11pm. Free.
**The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:** Pete Fryer Band. Blues-rock. 9pm. Downstairs bar. Free. Pete Oxley/Nick Meier Quartet. The Spin Jazz Club. Jazz guitarists. 8.30pm/. £12, £10 (concs), £6 (students).
**The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Saiichi Sugiyama, Matt Edwards. Haven Club. Blues. 8pm. £10 (adv), £12 (otd), £5 (student).
**Joe's Bar & Grill, 260 Banbury Road, Oxford:** Sing Baby Sing. Tribute to 70s soul legends The Stylistics. 8pm. Dining tickets £35/£40.

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### FRIDAY

**Aston Tirrold United Reformed Church, Centre for Reflection, Spring Lane, Aston Tirrold:** Moonrakers. £10 per ticket. 7.30pm. 01235 850423.
**Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot:** Soprano Summit Legacy Band. £15. Concs £13.50. 8pm. 01235 515144.
**Coty Arms, High Street, Burford:** Doug & Dan. Free. 9pm. 01993 822227.
**Great Western Staff Association Club, Station Road, Didcot:** Pete Boss & the Bluehearts. Didcot Red Hot Blues Night. £6 on the door. 8.30pm. 01235 412256.
**Lord Nelson, Charlton Road, Wantage:** Joe Holic. Free. 9pm. 01235 763415.
**St Aldate's Tavern, St Aldate's, Oxford:** African Jazz Quartet. Saxman Frank Williams, guitarist Cameron Pierre, drummer Kofi Adu and local bassist Ben Havinden-Williams. £8, concessions £5. 8pm. 01865 241185.
**The White House, Abingdon Road, Oxford:** Oxford Folk Club Theme Night (St Patrick's). £2. 8.30pm. 01865 768128.
**The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford:** Catgod, Flights Of Helios, Club Soda. Electro-pop. 7pm. £3.85 (adv), £5 (otd).
**The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:** Crystallite, Callow Saints, Neon Teepee, Real Kool Killers. Local rockers. 8pm. £7.
**The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Nine Below Zero, Whyte Lytes. UK blues veterans. 7.30pm. £15.
**Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, Oxford:** Reins. Local young bands and artists. 6.30pm. £4 (adv), £5 (otd).
**O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Superfood, King Nun, Pale Waves. Indie rock and grunge. 6pm. £10.
**The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street, Oxford:** Tim Friers & The Mercenaries. Celtic pop. 7.30pm. £5 (adv), £7 (otd).

### SATURDAY

**Deddington Church, Church Street, Deddington:** Banbury Symphony Orchestra. Tchaikovsky's *Francesca da Rimini.* Adults £10, free for 18's and under. 7.30pm. 07912 888263.
**Marston Royal British Legion, Hadow Road, Marston:** Bullfrog. Covers from 60's, 70's and 80's. Free. 8pm. 01865 243991.
**Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford:** Sibelius Symphony No 5, Julian Trevelyan, piano, and Robert Max, conductor. £16 (£14), accompanied under 16s free, students £5. 7.30pm. 01865 305305.
**St Leonard's Church, The Square, Eynsham:** Charity concert with Oxford Gospel Choir and Pocket Handkerchief Jazz Orchestra. All proceeds to Oxford Homeless Pathways and Eynsham Day Centre. £8. 7.30pm. 01865 375130.
**St Mary's Church, Church Street, Chipping Norton:** Moonrakers. £12 (£10 concs). 7.30pm. 01608 643976.
**St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Cholsey:** Bruckner's Mass in F Minor. Cranford Choral Society. £5-£10. 7.30pm. 07802 443113.
**The Brewery Tap, 40-42 Ock Street, Abingdon:** Drivin' Sideways. Harmonica-driven rocking blues. Free. 9.30pm. 01235 521655.
**The Dolphin, 2 St Mary's Street, Wallingford:** Mudslide Morris & the Revelators. Free. 9pm. 0779 064 6028.
**The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford:** Ran Kan Kan and Lakuta. £11, £9 (concs). £13 on the door. 8pm. 01865 263990.
**Yolande Paterson Hall, School of St Helen and St Katherine, Faringdon Road, Abingdon:** Orchestral Concert. Saint-Saëns: Piano Concerto No 5 – Piano soloist Jackie Campbell. £12 on door; £10 in advance; £1 children. 7.30pm. 01235 521392.
**St Michael at the Northgate, Cornmarket Street, Oxford:** Andreas Moutsioulis. An evening with well-known music for the guitar. 7.30pm-9pm. £12/£10.
**Cricketers Arms, 102 Temple Road, Oxford:** Badlands. Classic rock, pop & blues. 8pm. Free.
**Fat Lil's, 64a Corn Street, Witney:** The Britpop Boys. 90's tribute band. 9.30pm. £5.
**The White House, 38 Abingdon Road, Oxford:** Glendale Train, Indiana Dave. Country & Western. 8pm. Free.
**O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Half Man Half Biscuit. UK post-punk legends. 6.30pm. £20.
**The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:** Holy Moments, The Phat Cardinals, Freddy Le Cragg. 8pm. £5.
**New Theatre, 2 George Street, Oxford:** Rick Astley. 7.30pm. £26.65-£40.15.

### SUNDAY

**Bicester Services Club, Sheep Street, Bicester:** Marley Motown. Free. 5pm. 01869 245367.
**Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford:** Queen of Folk, Maddy Prior with Giles Lewin and Hannah James. £18. 7.30pm. 01865 276125.
**St Edburg's C of E Church, Church Street, Bicester:** Trinity Camerata Spring Concert. Adults £10, children £5. 3.45pm. 01869 240712.
**White Hart Community Pub, 126 Godstow Road, Wolvercote:** Cliodhna. Celtic inspired band. Free. 3pm. 01865 511978.
**Oxford Wine Café, 38 South Parade Summertown:** Gabrielle Ducomble. Vocals, piano, violin and bass). Parisian-styled jazz and Latin. 6.30pm-9pm. Free.
**The Cellar, Frewin Court, Oxford:** Holding Absence. Welsh five-piece metalcore band on UK tour. 7.30pm. £6.
**Rose And Crown, 14 North Parade Avenue, Oxford:** Just Friends. Oxford Jazz Kitchen. 7pm. Free.
**The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford:** My Diablo, Rebel Station, Beaver Fuel, Echo 4 Four, Raised By Hypocrites. Rock and metal battle of the bands. 7pm. £5.

### MONDAY

**O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Goldfrapp. Electro-pop duo on UK tour. 7pm. £25.
**The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Idles, Lice, Rats Eat Rats. Grunge/punk. 7pm. £7 (adv).

### TUESDAY

**O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Declan McKenna. Singer-songwriter. 7pm. £8.50.
**The White Hart, 126 Godstow Road, Wolvercote:** Early English Folk Ensemble. Trad folk. 8pm. Free.
**Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford:** The Rheingans Sisters and Owl Light Trio. BBC Radio 2 folk award winners. 7.30-10pm. £12.
**O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:** The Wailers. 7pm. £21.

### WEDNESDAY

**The Wheatsheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford:** Country For Old Men, Autumn Saints, Laima. 8pm. £5.
**O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox. 21st century pop hits in vintage styles. 6pm. £28.

## Theatre

**The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford:** Mar 18, David Morgan, Daliso Chaponda and Jen Brister. Glee comedy. 7.45pm. £15.95. 01865 810000.
**Burton Taylor Studio, Beaumont Street, Oxford:** Mar 17-18, *Every You Every Me.* 7.30pm, £10. 01865 305305.
**Crypt at Frewin Annexe, St Michael's Street, Oxford:** Mar 20-22, *The Unbuilt Room.* Playhouse Plays Out. 7pm and 8pm. £10. 01865 305305.
**The Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford:** Mar 14, *Fish Eye.* 8pm. £13, £11. Mar 17, *Diary of A Hounslow Girl.* 7.30pm. £12, £10. 01865 263990.
**Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford:** Mar 14-18, *Blithe Spirit.* 7.30pm. £11.50-£19. Mar 17, *Cheats and Deceits.* Ecologist Martin Stevens exposes the ruthlessness of nature and gives an insight into the evolution of deception. 5pm. £7. 01865 305305.
**New Theatre, George Street, Oxford:** Mar 15-17, *Rambert – Ghost Dances plus other works.* 7.30pm. £13.90-£33.40 plus £4 transaction fee. Mar 20, Jasper Carrott and Alistair McGowan. 7.30pm. £28.75 plus £2.85 transaction fee. 0844 871 7615.
**The North Wall Arts Centre, South Parade, Summertown:** Mar 16, *Sarah Pascoe: Animal.* 7.30pm. £12. Mar 14-16, *Bucket List.* 8pm. £16.01865 319450.
**Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** Mar 16, *The Great British Take Off: Jon Culshaw & Bill Dare.* 7.45pm. £11.50. Mar 17, *I'm Sorry I'll Read That Again...Again!* 7.45pm. £16.50. Mar 18, *Jenny Eclair How To Be A Middle Aged Woman (Without Going Insane).* 7.45pm. £19. 01608 642350.
**Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon:** Mar 22-25, *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen. BreakaLeg Productions. 7.30pm. Wed 22 & Thu 23 £7.50, Fri 24 & Sat 25 £9.
**The Windrush Club, 106 High Street, Witney:** Mar 18, David St. John. Comedian and entertainer. 9pm. 01993 702207.

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# Play-off bid still alive for Banbury

FOOTBALL

GOALS from Luke Carnell and Conor McDonagh secured Banbury United a 2-1 win at home to Cirencester Town to keep alive their outside chances of making the Premier Division play-offs.

With Marvin Martin replacing the injured George Nash in the only change to their side, the Puritans went ahead courtesy of a scrappy goal in the 19th minute.

A Tom Winters corner bounced off defender Ellis Dunton into the path of Carnell, whose shot deflected off keeper Conor Thompson and into the top corner.

Cirencester's best chance fell to Kerry Morgan, whose shot went just inches wide.

In the second half, Banbury keeper Jack Harding denied Morgan and Alan Griffin.

So it was against the run of play when substitute McDonagh made it 2-0 in the 57th minute, running on to Jack Self's through ball and firing home.

Two minutes later, Self saw his shot hit the far post.

Cirencester pulled a goal back through Dan Demkiv in the 77th minute, but Banbury held on.

There was a place on the home bench for Romanian new signing Adrian Boitos.

**Banbury Utd:** Harding, Odhiambo, Bradbury, Martin,Westbrook, Carnell, McEachran, Self, Johnson, Duku (McDonagh HT), Winters (White 83). Subs not used: Browne, Bell, Boitos.

**Attendance:** 374.

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Premier Division

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chippenham Tn | 38 | 24 | 10 | 4 | 77 | 41 | 82 |
| Leamington | 38 | 24 | 9 | 5 | 66 | 24 | 81 |
| Slough Tn | 38 | 24 | 4 | 10 | 74 | 46 | 76 |
| Hitchin Tn | 38 | 22 | 9 | 7 | 68 | 36 | 75 |
| Merthyr Tn | 39 | 20 | 13 | 6 | 74 | 35 | 73 |
| **Banbury Utd** | **38** | **20** | **7** | **11** | **57** | **33** | **67** |
| Chesham Utd | 38 | 18 | 9 | 11 | 61 | 43 | 63 |
| Frome Tn | 38 | 17 | 12 | 9 | 70 | 54 | 63 |
| Kettering Tn | 39 | 17 | 8 | 14 | 69 | 56 | 59 |
| Biggleswade Tn | 39 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 67 | 54 | 58 |
| King's Lynn Tn | 38 | 12 | 16 | 10 | 52 | 57 | 52 |
| Weymouth | 38 | 12 | 15 | 11 | 67 | 52 | 51 |
| Basingstoke Tn | 39 | 15 | 5 | 19 | 53 | 64 | 50 |
| Redditch Utd | 39 | 13 | 8 | 18 | 49 | 65 | 47 |
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| Kings Langley | 38 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 48 | 66 | 34 |
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| Hayes & Yeading | 36 | 7 | 10 | 19 | 37 | 64 | 31 |
| Cirencester Tn | 39 | 7 | 9 | 23 | 44 | 83 | 30 |
| Cinderford Tn | 35 | 6 | 3 | 26 | 39 | 80 | 21 |

Luke Carnell gave Banbury United the lead during his side's 2-1 win over Cirencester

# Double joy for Chilvers in Bulls win

RUGBY UNION

**CASH Chilvers scored two tries as Banbury beat Reading Abbey 26-17 at home.**

**Flanker Chilvers powered over for Bulls, but they went into half-time trailing 12-7 in the South West 1 East clash.**

**Chilvers grabbed his second, but Abbey crossed again.**

**The hosts stepped up to the mark in the last 20 minutes.**

**Dan Brady went over twice, with Ed Phillips converting three of Banbury's four tries.**

LATEST TABLE
South West 1 East

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| Witney | 22 | 12 | 0 | 10 | 474 | 487 | 62 |
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| **Banbury** | **22** | **11** | **1** | **10** | **468** | **516** | **55** |
| Grove | 22 | 9 | 1 | 12 | 412 | 492 | 49 |
| Ox Hquins | 22 | 10 | 1 | 11 | 407 | 552 | 48 |
| Wootton Bassett | 22 | 9 | 0 | 13 | 453 | 441 | 45 |
| Chippenham | 22 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 478 | 617 | 44 |
| Windsor | 22 | 8 | 1 | 13 | 404 | 584 | 43 |
| Swindon | 22 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 436 | 495 | 43 |
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**TAURUS** Apr 20-May 20
Are you playing games in love, or are others? I don't think you're really sure at the moment are you Taurus? Try to give yourself this week to think and feel about what you want from your future. Media links are well starred. Don't be afraid to try new avenues and to turn your hand to things you've never done before. Ring now to right that wrong in the family from last month.
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**GEMINI** May 21-Jun 20
You have been allowing stress to get the better of you, but it would be advisable for you to take some time out of life this week to feel like you again. What you want is important Gemini and you need to recognise this fact sooner, rather than later. Late invitations are worth accepting. You'll soon find out why if you say yes. Ring now to reveal what Mercury has planned for you.
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**CANCER** Jun 21-Jul 22
Are you in love or lust, or do you want to be alone? This is a question which many of your sign will be asking in the days ahead. As long as it is you giving the answers, you will find peace and serenity. Debts that need to be paid can be arranged with an agreeable compromise if you make contact before Tuesday. Ring now so we can talk about the things you said, but didn't mean.
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**LEO** Jul 23-Aug 22
You have learnt so many new skills in the last year. 2017 continues to see you evolve as a better person who is ready willing and able to be the best they can be. Your ruling planet the Sun makes it possible for you to make peace this week with someone you never thought you'd find common ground with again. How time can change people, especially you Leo! Ring now so we can talk.
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**VIRGO** Aug 23-Sep 22
Your emotions are like an onion. There are lots of tiny layers and only when you have peeled each one away can you really get to what is going on inside. This is a week to wear your heart on your sleeve, not to give mixed messages. Do you want to progress with what was begun last week? Friday tells you all you need to say and do. Ring now for a glimpse into your future.
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Be bold with your goals. If you remain in familiar territory, then you will never experience the power of growth or the thrill of the unknown. It's time to get to know you and to accept yourself faults and all. If you find yourself interesting, then others will too my friend. Ring now so we can better understand why certain signs have distanced themselves from you.
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**SCORPIO** Oct 23-Nov 21
When something frustrates or upsets you, then turn those feelings upside down! You and I both know that you are far more aware of right and wrong than you are willing to admit. Let this week motivate you to try to change your life. Let it be all you want it to be. Love is waiting if you'd wear your heart on your sleeve my friend. Ring now so I can shake up your personal life.
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**SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22-Dec 21
Help others to help you over the coming days Sagittarius. Allow them to show you their love and support. You need not be alone in your troubles. I know you thought you were last week, but from Tuesday you start to see that you are working as a team. House moves or changes are well starred. Ring now so I can help you to turn that financial issue around in your favour.
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**CAPRICORN** Dec 22-Jan 19
Keeping secrets is never easy for a sign such as you, as how you feel will, sooner or later, be written all over your face. Try to have faith in who you are and what you want from your future. Moving in new circles helps you to put the past firmly behind you at last. New countries beckon for many of your sign. Ring now so I can help you to make your life the very best that it can be.
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**AQUARIUS** Jan 20-Feb 18
Air signs love to talk. That is something you and I both know. What you may want to be aware of though Aquarius, is that you may be giving away information which is not really yours to share. Someone you thought you could trust with a secret has let you down, but you're about to see that they've actually done you a very big favour. Ring now to deal with all that's worrying you.
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**PISCES** Feb 19-Mar 20
We know your personal life needs some attention, but what you need to accept is the fact that you have to work with others in order to bring things into perspective and for the glass to appear half full rather than half empty. The chance to go somewhere at the last minute begins a new and very important friendship or relationship. Ring now so I can show you a glimpse of what your future holds.
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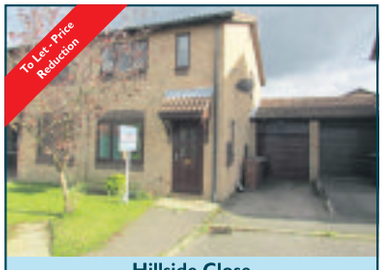


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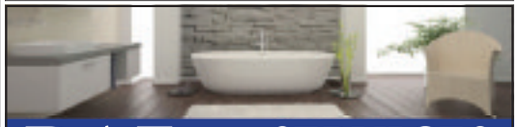

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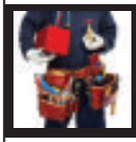

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